



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015

5:45 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

Absent: Councilmember Sheffield

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:45 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney pertaining to the settlement of pending litigation: Angela Figura vs. City of Rowlett. (15 minutes)

Council convened in Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. Out at 6:02 p.m.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney pertaining to anticipated litigation considering the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire property and the initiation of condemnation proceedings under Chapter 21, Texas Property Code, to acquire real property generally located at 2609 Lakeview Parkway and 5404 Kenwood Drive for use as a public street. (30 minutes)

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. Out at 6:38 p.m.

- 2C.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to discuss and deliberate regarding commercial or financial information relating to a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay or expand in the City for economic development purposes and to receive legal advice from the City Attorney for property generally located at the southwest corner of Merritt Road and Hickox Road. (30 minutes) (THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE REGULAR PORTION OF THE MEETING)

Council convened in Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Out at 9:16 p.m.

- 2D.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate in or near Elgin B. Robertson Park and to receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to Elgin B. Robertson Park. (60 minutes) (THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE REGULAR PORTION OF THE MEETING)

Council convened in Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. Out at 10:07 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:30 P.M.)*

- 3A.** Discuss Final Design Plan for Herfurth Park Renovations. (30 minutes)

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, welcomed members of the Parks Advisory Board and introduced la terra representatives Michael Black and Brad Moulton, who presented the plan as updated from previous presentations and discussions. The plan is proposed in three phases to include event lawns and open spaces, inline hockey, tennis courts, event stage, baseball fields, with concessions, playground, neighborhood access and possible connection with undeveloped property to the east.

Council discussion regarding clarification of phases, current use of ball fields, anticipated increase in maintenance for the park, preference for the playground element to not wait until Phase 3. Due to time constraints and the need for additional discussion, City Council will meet with the Parks Advisory Board at a later date (scheduled for 1/29/15).

- 3B.** Discuss Kids Kingdom Fundraising Goals. (30 minutes)

Wayne Baxter and Zabrina Martinson, members of the Parks Advisory Board provided updates on fundraising efforts thus far and future fundraising plans based on upcoming cost estimates. They asked for clarification regarding the \$100,000 allotted by the City and whether it was "matching" funds, whether amount to possibly be included on the bond measure would be in lieu of fundraising. Due to time constraints and the need for additional discussion, City Council will meet with the Parks Advisory Board at a later date (scheduled for 1/29/15).

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council took a short break at 7:38 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

INVOCATION – Craig Schill, Lake Cities Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Proclamation for Robert Camack for his service to the Senior Advisory Board and seniors of Rowlett.

Councilmember Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation and Mr. Camack made some personal comments.

- 5B.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Gottel announced the following: Next Regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd and 17th – State of the City presented by the Mayor on February 3rd. Special Joint Council and CIPTF meeting Tuesday, January 27th at RCC starting at 5pm. Upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be Tuesday, January 27th, held in the City Hall Conference Room at 6pm. CIP (COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) TASK FORCE: Joint meeting with Council on Tuesday, January 27th at RCC, starting at 5pm. Adoption of the ballot language at Council meeting on Tuesday, February 17th. 2015 Bond Election set for May 9, 2015 – \$25M of Community Investment Projects – **NO TAX INCREASE!** CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY - Registration is through January 31st. Contact Officer Chad Caldwell at 972-412-6242 or ccaldwell@rowlett.com for more information. The Spring session, which is an 11 week course, begins Thursday, February 12th. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM CLASSES - Saturdays, February 7th and 14th from 8am – 6pm. Visit rowlettcert.com or email cert@rowlettcitizencorps.org for more information. TWICE A MONTH LANCSCAPE WATERING – *Watering once every other week still in effect!* ANIMAL SHELTER: Low Cost Vaccine Clinics Saturday, February 21st from 1:00 – 3:00pm at 4402 Industrial Street. *Normal Business Hours, Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm, Saturday, 10:00am – 5pm.* PARKS AND RECREATION - Upcoming Events: Little Sweetheart Dance – Saturday, January 31st, 7 – 9pm at the RCC, \$40 per couple. Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28th, 10am – 12pm at Pecan Grove Park. Check out all the programs in the Spring 2015 edition of the Lakeside Leisure or at www.rowlett.com on the Parks Department page. With over 50 ways to get healthy and stay active – there's something for everyone! Parents Day Out, Little Athletes, SAT Prep Course, Senior Programs and many, many more! ROWLETT LIBRARY - Upcoming Events: TechEd -

Email Basics – Tuesday, January 27th, 10:30am and 2pm. Edible Book Contest – Saturday, January 31st, All day AND February 2nd – 14th. Family Saturday Movie & Popcorn – February 7th, 2pm. And many more programs – Check online or with the Library for dates and times at rowlett.com or 972.412.6161.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

Trey Bahm, 148 Lipan Street, Greenville; spoke in opposition to eminent domain.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7A.** Consider action to approve minutes from the January 13, 2015, City Council Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider an ordinance abandoning a 0.663± acre portion of Princeton Road, an unimproved street right-of-way, generally located south of Old Princeton Road.

This item was approved as ORD-002-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C.** Consider an ordinance accepting a right-of-way dedication for a portion of Princeton Road consisting of a 65 foot wide roadway comprised of 0.564± acres of unimproved street right-of-way generally located south of Old Princeton Road.

This item was approved as RES-009-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D.** Consider a resolution approving a Facilities Agreement between the City of Rowlett, Texas and Bullitt Training Fields, LLC, for the construction of a 0.564± acre, 65 foot wide portion of Princeton Road, generally located south of Old Princeton Road.

This item was approved as RES-004-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7E.** Consider action to approve a resolution providing support of the submission of an application to the 2015 Competitive Housing Tax Credit Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the project proposed by Evergreen Rowlett Senior Community, L.P.

This item was approved as RES-005-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7F.** Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the proposal and awarding a contract for the relocation of the Chamber of Commerce Building to D4 Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$374,688, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This item was approved as RES-006-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7G.** Consider action to approve a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Life Message, Inc. in the amount of \$27,931 for funding of health and human services that primarily benefit low-income recipients during the 2014 CDBG program year.

This item was approved as RES-007-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7H.** Consider an action to approve a resolution approving the purchase of a replacement fire engine, a replacement ladder truck (quint), and the refurbishment of Engine 3 and Quint 1 for Rowlett Fire Rescue in the amount of \$1,799,933.60 after a \$200,000 down payment.

This item was approved as RES-008-15 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Councilmember Bobbitt, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Pankratz).

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Consider an ordinance calling a Special Election to consider a local option election to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, presented the background information relating to the petition process and verification and the requisite number of signatures obtained.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-004-15.

- 8B.** Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Rowlett, Texas Limited Tax Note, Series 2015; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the payment of said note; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Marti Shew from First Southwest and Chris Settle from the firm of McCall, Parkhurst and Horton. Ms. Shew reviewed the details and provided the sale information for the bond. Council discussion regarding information about the bank with the most favorable submission.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Councilmember Bobbitt, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-005-15.

After a short break at 8:18 p.m., Council reconvened to discuss Executive Session items 2C and 2D.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 3, 2015